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Subject: CHERNIAVSKY, Rita
Source : 3 Wife of Victor CHERNYAVSKY (
Date : 12 June 1967

1. On 5 June 1967 Subject came to Dr Kl house to pick up 6 tickets for the graduation ceremony at the Columbia University scheduled for the next day. She was rather upset and then became distressed because, as she explained, her children had not arrived together with some other personnel as she hoped they would. Also the children of the Head of the Byelorussian Mission did not come. Subject felt very unhappy about it but she still hoped they would come. The worst was that nothing was said about it at all. Subject was completely distraught and cried for quite a while.

When Dr Kl remarked that this was just another reflection on the Soviet regime and its "humanism", Subject calmed down somewhat and stressed that "this had nothing to do with the regime". She just felt unhappy and longed for her children, and she still hoped to see them here soon. Anyway she was not like Svetlana STALIN who did not care for her children and whom Dr Kl defended.

2. This gave Subject an occasion to vehemently attack Svetlana ALLILUYEVA who in her opinion betrayed her country, her people, and even her father. "How could she have done it to her father Subject almost shouted - even if she did not care for the people and the party". "How could she have done it now at the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution?"

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Asked by Dr Kl whether she was going to defend Stalin, Subject replied that indeed Stalin had done much good and should be appreciated for his achievements. In her opinion KHRUSHCHEV was completely wrong in denouncing Stalin "alltogether" at the 20th Congress of the CPSU. Instead of being objective and give credit for his great service to the Soviet Union, Khrushchev put all the emphasis on the negative features of Stalin's activity and as a result completely distorted the true image of Stalin. But she hoped that now, at the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution, this distortion will be corrected and "we will again have an objective appraisal of Stalin".

3. Prior to Dr Kl argument with Subject about Stalin and his daughter (when Subject was still in tears and distressed), Dr Kl asked her about what had actually happened to "contacts", i.e. why Kiev had become so little interested in them. Subject replied that indeed there was some slowdown in this field in Kiev and the Society of LEVISHCHENKO was responsible for that. Incidentally, there was also talk about it here in the Mission, and CHERNIAVSKY had asked KOROTYCH to raise this problem again in Kiev and do something about it. LEVISHCHENKO's group was not satisfied with the up-to date development of "contacts" and was against this increase at the present